

APPENDIX A

VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE SPECIFICATION

The second paragraph on page 10 is amended as follows:

In another aspect of the invention, a subset of genes expressed at the same level in each of seven major tissues are identified as housekeeping genes (See, Table 1). Most of these genes have never before been specifically identified as belonging in this category. This information is useful for establishing average normal expression levels and will be useful as a reference in studies of normal expression variation [(i.e. www.HuGEindex.org.)]. In one aspect of the invention, the maintenance genes described are used to establish average normal expression levels. In some embodiments, the expression of at least one of the genes listed in table 1, preferably at least two of the genes listed in table 1, more preferably at least 10 of the genes listed in table 1, and even more preferably at least 100 of the genes listed in table 1 is monitored along with the expression of a target gene (gene of interest). The change of the level of expression of the target gene will be evaluated using the expression of the maintenance gene(s) as a control.

APPENDIX B

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE CLAIMS

10. (Amended) The method of Claim [9] 13 wherein said at least three maintenance genes comprise at least five maintenance genes selected from said group.
12. (Amended) The method of Claim [9] 13 wherein said [evaluating] comparing comprises calculating expression ratio of said gene over said maintenance genes.